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**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSIT**

Monday, July 21, 2008 - 10:00 A.M.

Milwaukee County Courthouse - Room 203R

M I N U T E S

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

PRESENT: Supervisors Borkowski, Weishan, Larson*, Sanfelippo and Mayo (Chair)

EXCUSED: Supervisors Clark and Jursik

**Supervisor Larson was not present at roll call but appeared shortly thereafter.*

1. 08-T13 From the Chairman of the Milwaukee County Transit Services Advisory Committee, a report of the Committee recommendations supporting an advisory referendum on sales tax funding of transit services. **(Informational unless otherwise directed by the Committee.)**

Appearances:

Charlene Hardin, Chair-Milwaukee County Transit Services Advisory Committee
Richard Schreiner, Vice-Milwaukee County Transit Services Advisory Committee

Mr. Schreiner introduced other members of the Milwaukee County Transit Services Advisory Committee (TSAC). The County Board created TSAC. The Committee recommended that the Board get assurance from the State of Wisconsin if the referendum is approved, that any funding levels currently provided by the State won't be affected when taking these costs off the property taxes.

Ms. Hardin said that TSAC has worked diligently to help all citizens. The every day person needs public transit for survival. There is currently something lacking in transit with the route cuts and fare increases. Public transportation is an excellent alternative for all citizens. The TSAC is a great partner of Milwaukee County and enthusiastically support and promote the sales tax referendum.

MOTION BY: (Borkowski) Receive and Place on File. (Vote 5-0)

AYES: Borkowski, Weishan, Larson, Sanfelippo and Mayo (Chair) – 5

NOES: - 0

EXCUSED: - 0

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

2. 08-266 A resolution by Supervisor Borkowski, authorizing and directing the Managing Director of the Milwaukee County Transit System to reduce Adult Cash fares to \$1.00, Half Fare to \$.50, Adult Passes to \$8.50, Half Fare Tickets to \$5.00, Premium Cash Fare to \$1.75, Premium Tickets \$14.50 and Paratransit to \$2.00 for the month of August 2008 to provide relief from high gas prices and encourage transit usage within Milwaukee County. **(Recommendation: Refer to County Board staff for a detailed analysis of the effects this will have on the overall County Budget.)**

Appearances:

Supervisor Mark Borkowski, District 11

Anita Gulotta-Connelly, Managing Director, Milwaukee Transport Services

George Torres, Director, Transportation, Public Works

This items was taken out of order.

Supervisor Borkowski said he has been thinking of writing this resolution for a long time. No one could have anticipated the rapid rise in gas prices. With this resolution his intent is to have a public discussion. His thinking is that there are certain fixed costs associated with the bus routes no matter the number of riders. If this reduction in fares could double the number of riders, the loss of revenue might be minimal. This may encourage more citizens that have not ridden the bus recently to give public transit a try. The public may be pleasantly surprised, as he was, when he rode the bus for the first time in more than 20 years.

Ms. Connelly stated that Transit is not opposed to doing this, as it would be very beneficial for ridership. A transit group analyzed the effect these recommendations may have. The best-case scenario is this could increase ridership by 17%. Which is a substantial increase by industry standards. The down side, this could cause a loss in revenue of \$1 million.

Supervisor Borkowski recognizes there is insufficient time to implement this for August of this year. But would like to find a month that this would be logically feasible that this could be implemented in the future. He moved approval of the recommendation to refer to staff.

Other supervisors offered their support of the resolution. Suggestions included looking for alternatives on marketing proposals, and taking bold moves to preserve and increase transit usage

Mr. Torres said if this takes place late this year, it would put the Department in a difficult situation regarding minimizing the effect of the revenue loss.

Additionally, how do we handle routes that are full now? How does this affect

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

the regular riders? To recover the loss in revenue, transit would need to double the ridership. Cutting fares to half prices could put a strain on services whereby transit needs extra drivers or buses that aren't readily available.

MOTION BY: (Borkowski) Refer to County Board staff for a detailed analysis of the effects this will have on the overall County Budget (Vote 5-0)

AYES: Borkowski, Weishan, Larson, Sanfelippo and Mayo (Chair) – 5

NOES: - 0

EXCUSED: - 0

3. 08-276 From the Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture, requesting authorization for the appropriate County staff to be authorized to negotiate, prepare, review, approve, execute, record and/or implement the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and other required documents to facilitate the redevelopment of North Harbor Drive. **(Also to the Committee on Parks, Energy and Environment.)**

Supervisor Weishan wants the Department to provide a map regarding the changes prior to the County Board meeting this month.

MOTION BY: (Borkowski) Concur with the Parks, Energy and Environment Committee recommendation. (Vote 5-0)

AYES: Borkowski, Weishan, Larson, Sanfelippo and Mayo (Chair) – 5

NOES: - 0

EXCUSED: - 0

4. 05-418 From the Director, Transportation and Public Works, requesting authorization for reassignment of lease agreement No. HP-1539 from Joseph Weirich to Daniel Felix, effective the date of closing the sale of the hangar. **(Laid over from 7/9/08)**
(a)(a)

Appearances:

Barry Bateman, Director, General Mitchell International Airport (GMIA)

Daniel Felix

Mr. Bateman noted that rent for the hangar is paid in advance each year.

Mr. Felix spoke to the Committee regarding some legal issues he had regarding a small business that failed. As an officer of the business, the liability was transferred to him as an individual. The State of Wisconsin no longer has him listed on their site as a delinquent taxpayer.

MOTION BY: (Borkowski) Approve (Vote 5-0)

AYES: Borkowski, Weishan, Larson, Sanfelippo and Mayo (Chair) – 5

NOES: - 0

EXCUSED: - 0

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

5. 07-111 From the Director, Transportation and Public Works, regarding an adopted
(a)(a) resolution creating an environmental and conservational "Green Print", requesting authorization to work with the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to determine a funding source to conduct a Technical Energy Audit (TEA) for County owned buildings for 2009. **(Laid over from 07/09/08.) (Also to the Committees on Parks, Energy and Environment and Finance and Audit.)**

MOTION BY: (Weishan) Move approval. Concur with the Parks, Energy and Environment Committee recommendation regarding the Green Print Workgroup.
(Vote 5-0)

AYES: Borkowski, Weishan, Larson, Sanfelippo and Mayo (Chair) – 5

NOES: - 0

EXCUSED: - 0

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Length of meeting: 10:00 a.m. until approximately 11:00 a.m.

Carol Mueller
Committee Clerk

Staff Present:

Ms. Anita Gulotta-Connelly, Managing Director, Milwaukee Transport Services

Mr. George Torres, Director, Transportation, Public Works

Mr. Barry Bateman, Director, General Mitchell International Airport (GMIA)

Mr. Rick Ceschin, County Board Research Analyst

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